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Virginia Aviation Ambassadors Program Kick-Off Held

The Virginia Department of Aviation (DOAV) recently announced its new Virginia Aviation Ambassadors program. The program is designed to encourage the citizens of



Virginia to visit the Commonwealth's public-use airports, aviation and transportation museums, safety seminars the annual EAA State Fly-In.

The kick-off was held at the Virginia Aviation Museum, where long-time pilot Sara Parameter was recognized as Virginia's honorary Aviation Ambassador. "This program is an extraordinary opportunity for pilots, aviation enthusiasts and the general public to see the valuable assets in our system of airports," said Randy



DOAV Director Randy Burdette and honorary ambassador Sara Parameter.

Burdette, director of the Virginia Department of Aviation.

The goal of the program is to increase awareness of Virginia's aviation system and contribute to the economic development activities of each locality. The program gives pilots and riders alike an opportunity to set and meet goals in their flying and sightseeing while having fun and experiencing what Virginia has to offer.

The program officially begins August 1, 2005. Visit any local airport to receive a Virginia Aviation Ambassador Program passport and information.

You may also find more information on the DOAV website, www.doav.virginia.gov.



Virginia Aviation Museum Director Mike Boehme gives the first passport stamp to Sara Parameter.

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FAA Dedicates New Airport Traffic Control Tower to Late Airport Traffic Manager

The Federal Aviation Administration and the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission recently dedicated the airport's new traffic control tower and administrative base building to the memory of the late John Hinkle, who was the Roanoke air traffic manager for 14 years before his untimely death in 2003.

The new facility consists of a 165-foot high tower and a 13,300 square foot administrative base building. It was commissioned on December 5, 2004, and is part of the FAA's continuing modernization of the National Airspace System. The cost of construction was approximately \$10,000,000 and replaces the original tower that was built in 1950.

"The dedication of a new airport traffic tower is always a significant event to celebrate," said

Arlene B. Feldman, Regional Administrator, Eastern Region, FAA. "We not only celebrate the completion of a

project that reminds us of FAA's strong commitment to the safest aviation system in the world, but also today we get to celebrate and

remember the legacy of John Hinkle who served this agency with distinction, integrity and honor."

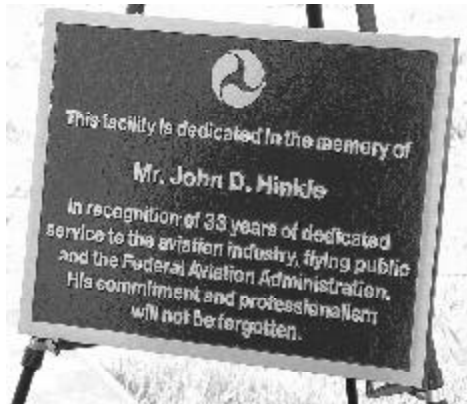
"When we held the ground-breaking for this new facility less than a week after the tragic events of September 11, 2001, we had to force ourselves to celebrate and look forward

with optimism," remarked Jacqueline L. Shuck, Executive Director, Roanoke Regional Airport Commission. "Now our optimism and pride in this attractive new Roanoke landmark are genuine. I know that John Hinkle would have been very pleased."

The new tower provides improved visibility for air traffic controllers of all controlled surfaces at the airport and was designed to accommodate future equipment upgrades. It houses two distinct air traffic control functions, the cab and radar approach control. Cab controllers are responsible for

takeoffs, landings and overflights up to an altitude of 3,000 feet and for a distance of approximately six to 10 miles around the airport. Radar

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Virginia Aviation Events

August 13, 2005 7th Annual Airshow at Tazewell County Airport sponsored by the Tazewell County Airport Authority. For more information contact Buford Cordle at (276) 963-4509 or mgr6v3@netscope.net or visit www.flytazewell.org.

August 17-19, 2005 Virginia Aviation Conference will be held in Virginia Beach, Virginia. More details later.

August 25-28, 2005 IMAA's Rally of Giants, National Touring Giant Scale Model Fly-In/Airshow will be held in Danville. For more information call (434) 685-8218, e-mail jeffphillips@mindspring.com or visit www.flightsunlimitedairshows.com.

September 2005 35th Anniversary of Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport will be held at the airport. More details later. Contact Jean Waltrip at (757) 229-9256.

September 3, 2005 14th Annual Louisa County Airshow will be held at Louisa County Airport/Freeman Field. Aerobatic performances, airplane rides, skydivers, aircraft exhibits, and food. For more information contact Dawn Pickhardt at (540) 967-0050 or dawnp@firstva.com.

September 4, 2005 Festival of Flight will be held at New Kent County Airport. Fly-in will include spot landing, flour bombing, vintage aircraft, and food. For more information contact Bill Kelly at (804) 932-3984 or airportw96@aol.com.

September 10, 2005 Warrenton-Fauquier Airport Open House will be held to celebrate the completion of a 3-year construction and airport renovation program. Aerobatic demonstrations, military static displays, antique aircraft, live bands, displays, and food from local businesses. For more information contact Mike Anderson at mike.anderson@fauquiercountry.gov.

Visit www.doav.virginia.gov for more Virginia Aviation events.

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controllers handle arriving and departing aircraft and aircraft overflights between 3,000 and 10,000 feet and up to 60 miles around the airport.

The new tower was constructed on a 3.7 acre site by Mid Eastern Builders of Richmond under a contract awarded on September 7, 2001. The structure features state of the art mechanical, electrical and security systems and is equipped with a commercial power emergency backup generator to ensure continuous operations. The tower is constructed with 12-inch thick pre-cast concrete modules and the overall height of the building is 197-feet.

The new tower is 165-feet high from the ground to the floor of the tower cab. The cab is the area at the top of the airport traffic control tower from which controllers handle landings and takeoffs at Roanoke Regional Airport. Last year, Roanoke Tower (the cab) handled approximately 84,000 operations (an operation is either one landing, one takeoff or one overflight). The Roanoke Terminal Radar Approach Control handled 130,000 operations.

Federal Aviation Administration's Eastern Region includes Delaware, Maryland New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia and the District of Columbia.



Congressman Bob Goodlatte was the keynote speaker at the ROA Tower dedication.

Two New Members Appointed to Virginia Aviation Board

Governor Mark Warner announced recently that he has appointed two new Virginia Aviation Board (VAB) members.

Richard C. Franklin, Jr. has been selected as a new appointee to the VAB. He will represent Region Six which includes: Blackstone, Chesterfield County, Crewe Municipal, Dinwiddie County, Farmville, Emporia-Greenville Regional, Lawrenceville/Brunswick, Lunenburg County, Marks Municipal, Mecklenburg/Brunswick and Wakefield Airports.

Mr. Franklin has been the Executive Director of the Emporia-Greenville Airport Commission since 1983. He is a private pilot, with an extensive familiarity with state, federal and local government. He has is currently the District Field Representative for Congressman J. Randy Forbes and was the District Representative for longtime Congressman Norman Sisisky.

Robert S. Dix will serve the VAB's Region One. This region encompasses Grundy Municipal, Lee County, Lonesome Pine, Mountain Empire, New River Valley, Tazewell County, Twin County, Virginia Highlands, Virginia Tech/Montgomery County Airports.

Mr. Dix has been a pilot since 1961, with multi and single instrument ratings, flying a twin engine, primarily for business. He has served on the local airport commission beginning in the 1980's to promote the development and operations at Mt. Empire Airport; municipalities involved are Town of Marion, Town of Wytheville, and the counties of Smyth and Wythe.

Mr. Dix was appointed in 1989 to the VAB by Governor Gerald Baliles



and re-appointed by Governor Doug Wilder. Eleven years prior to coming to Southwest Virginia, Mr. Dix worked in the field of communications and broadcast engineering. In 1965, he purchased and built radio stations in Virginia. He and wife Ann continue to own and operate WOLD-FM radio in Marion, Virginia.

During the 1990's Mr. Dix established a regional "ISP" (Internet Service Provider), providing Internet services to several counties in rural Virginia. Along the same time period, he also began developing a residential subdivision.

The Virginia Aviation Board has eight members representing seven regions. The Board approves funding requests brought to it by the Virginia Department of Aviation, a state agency working to support and promote commercial and private aviation interests for the Commonwealth's 67 public-use airports.



Virginia Regional EAA Fly-in Moves to October

The Virginia Council of EAA Chapters decided to move the 2005 fly-in held annually since 1997 at the Dinwiddie County Airport to the weekend of October 1-2. Major



considerations for this change were other competing events, both in Virginia and nationally, which would adversely affect the number of potential vendors as well as the attending public. Unfortunately the date change does not preclude a third year of being severely impacted by a hurricane, but the Council certainly hopes this to be a lucky year with excellent weather. If indeed the weather cooperates, the event should attract more than the previous high of 630 aircraft and 4500 attendees.

Judy Sparks, Fly-in Manager since the event's inception, is currently signing up flying acts for the 1-3 PM daily air show. Elsie Benson, Chairman of the Pancake

Breakfast Committee, is retiring after performing her duties magnificently since the very first Virginia EAA Fly-in. With her detailed operational notebooks for excellent guidance, Roger Hoover, who has stepped in to oversee presentation of the 8-11 AM pancake breakfasts, is looking for eager helpers.

Dee Whittington is signing up forum presenters to fill the forum tents with timely and informative sessions for fly-in attendees. He is particularly looking for speakers to cover aspects of ultralights, powered parachutes and the new Sport Pilot-Light Sport Aircraft areas. He requests input as to what topics or specific speakers you would like to hear.

In two returning workshops, Butch Walsh will demonstrate his vast knowledge of Tube and Fabric techniques and Dave Chamberlain will lead participants in hands-on Sheet Metal Riveting practice. If you

are planning or are already involved in homebuilding projects which involve either of these skills, be sure to participate in these workshops.

The Youth Tent as well as the popular Control Line Model Flying Circle will be offered at the 2005 Fly-in. The Virginia Regional EAA Fly-in is becoming known as a leader in



hands-on activities for young people. We again anticipate help from NASA Langley in these projects.

As the Virginia Regional EAA Fly-in continues to grow, it even more depends on a large number of

volunteers. Volunteering for a minimum of four hours during the weekend is a rewarding way of promoting Sport Aviation. We urge you to log onto the fly-in web site: www.vaeaa.org and click on "Volunteers". There you can quickly fill out the volunteer form. If you don't have web access, just give me a call. You'll be glad you did.



Corporate Angel Network Pilot Volunteers Needed

Going their way? Give a cancer patient a lift.

Do your corporate jets ever fly an empty leg? Do your planes ever take-off with a seat or seats to spare? How about volunteering those seats to cancer patients traveling to or from treatment centers, if you happen to be going their way? Five hundred top corporations

have already answered "Yes!" to these questions. They became participants in Corporate Angel Network (CAN), and you can too.

CAN makes it easy. Using a proprietary and secure computer program, CAN volunteers match flights

to patient requests, do all the paperwork and make all the arrangements. Call (914) 328-1313 for more info. For a current list of patient "rides needed," please visit:

www.corpangelnetwork.org/corporate/seats.

Louisa County Airport receives FAA award

The Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) recently awarded Louisa County Airport/Freeman Field for Best First-Time Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Program Submission at the FAA DBE Award/AMAC Conference. The year 2004 was the first year that Louisa County/Freeman Field submitted a DBE plan and goal, and in spite of being a small airport with only two technical staff, the airport was able to prepare an excellent plan and goal that encompassed the spirit

and letter of the DBE program.

Admiral Witt Freeman, Chairman of the Airport Commission, together with Ms. Dawn Pickhardt, Airport Manager, run the airport, prepare all the leases, and take care of all administrative duties and financial matters. In preparing their first DBE program, this airport exceeded expectations and has a program that is working well, and also serves as an excellent example to all airports, large or small.

Congratulations to a small airport that thinks innovatively and accomplishes its goals in a big way!



Admiral Freeman receives the FAA award in Los Angeles, CA.

Virginia Airport Operators Council awards aviation scholarship

The John R. Lillard scholarship is given to a student who is preparing for a career in aviation

Thomas James Gregory, a senior at Chatham High School, is the recipient of the 2005 John R. Lillard Aviation Scholarship. The \$3000 scholarship, sponsored by the Virginia Airport Operators Council (VAOC), is awarded to a Virginia high school senior who excels academically and has been accepted into a post secondary program that will prepare them for an aviation

career. A talented student who is a member of the Piedmont Regional Governor's School for Mathematics, Science, and Technology, and a student pilot; Thomas has been accepted for enrollment in the Aviation Business Administration program at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona, Florida.

Presentation of the award was made at a ceremony held May 19 at

Chatham High School. Mark Courtney, Airport Director of Lynchburg Regional Airport, represented the VAOC at the event.

The mission of the Virginia Airport Operators Council is to promote the interests of airports in the Commonwealth of Virginia through legislation, regulatory compliance, and education. Its members are airport managers, sponsors, and others involved in the operation of Virginia's public-use airports.

The scholarship is named in honor of the late John R. Lillard, a dedicated aviation professional and member of the Virginia Airport Operators Council, whose career included positions with Eastern Airlines, Chesterfield County Airport, and Richmond International Airport.



National Association of Flight Instructors awards Master CFI designation to Aaron Glassman

Aaron is a flight and ground instructor with Curtis Eads Flight School at Hampton Roads Executive Airport (PVG) and he also volunteers his Piper Turbo Arrow, his time and his piloting skills to Angel Flight of Virginia.

The National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI) takes pride in announcing a significant aviation accomplishment on the part of Aaron Glassman, a flight instructor with Curtis Eads Flight School and a resident of Norfolk, VA. Recently, Aaron was designated as a Master CFI (Certificated Flight Instructor) by NAFI, his professional aviation organization.

To help put this achievement in its proper perspective, there are approximately 85,000 CFIs in the United States. Fewer than 500 of (Glassman cont. on pg. 8)

32nd Annual Virginia Aviation Conference

**Tentative Agenda:****Tues., Aug. 16, 2005**

12:30 p.m. Golf Tournament (Heron Ridge)

Wed., Aug. 17, 2005

7:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Registration Desk Opens
8:30 a.m. Opening Remarks
9:00 a.m. Keynote Speaker
10:00 a.m. Morning Break with Exhibitors
10:30 a.m. Economic Development Panel
12:00 Noon Lunch with Speaker
1:30 p.m. Virginia Aviation Board Meeting
1:30 p.m. The Character of Your Airports (Breakout)
2:30 p.m. Afternoon Break with Exhibitors
3:00 p.m. Airport Technology: What Are Users Looking For? (Breakout)
6:30 p.m. Consultants Reception
7:30 p.m. Virginia Aviation Awards Banquet

Thurs., Aug. 18, 2005

7:00 a.m. 5K Run/Walk
7:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Registration Desk Opens
9:00 a.m. Virginia Aviation Board Meeting
9:00 a.m. Airport Security (Breakout)
10:00 a.m. Morning Break with Exhibitors
10:30 a.m. Instrument Approach Procedure Advancements (Breakout)
11:30 a.m. Lunch
Afternoon Beachside Activities and Reception

Fri., Aug. 19, 2005

7:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Virginia Aviation Board Meeting
12:00 Noon Conference adjourns

**Host Airport Reception
*Special Thanks to Norfolk
International***

Norfolk International Airport has once again extended its well known hospitality to Virginia's aviation community and will act as our host airport. Be prepared for some fun activities on Thursday afternoon and evening.

Of course all these activities will be casual and "beachwear" is appropriate!

For up to date conference info please visit:

www.doav.virginia.gov

Warrenton-Fauquier to hold Fly-In and Grand Opening of New Runway

Warrenton-Fauquier Airport (W66) has announced its Grand Opening and Fly-In to be held on Saturday, September 10, 2005.

The event is in recognition of the recent tarmac and runway expansions project. Runway 14/32 is now 5000 ft. by 100 ft. crowned and grooved. The ceremonies on Sept 10th are jointly sponsored by both Fauquier County and Essar Aviation LLC, the Fixed Base Operator on the airport.

IAC Chapter 11 will be performing aerobatic competition routines prior to the Grand Opening ribbon cutting ceremony at 12:00 and featured aerobatic performances by

Nancy Lynn, flying her Extra 300L and Charlie Schwanker, flying his Pitts S1T, will be the highlight of the airshow activities. The renowned Flying Circus will perform an abbreviated routine, and static displays of vintage aircraft, experimental aircraft, and a few warbirds are on the schedule. The Wright Experience will have their 1911 Wright Model B on site and will be offering flight simulation rides to all pioneer aviation enthusiasts.

For more information please contact Michele Glitzner at 540-788-4959.

Virginia Aviation Safety Week a Success



Through the efforts of Virginia Department of Aviation Command Pilot Jeanie Carter, the Aviation Safety staff and Patty Wagstaff's talent, the Virginia Aviation Safety Week was able to reach 607 pilots and aviation friendly people.

Richmond	185
Manassas	125
Suffolk	153
Roanoke	144

Virginia Aviation Board Allocates Funds to Seven Virginia Airports

At its bimonthly meeting held recently, the Virginia Aviation Board (VAB) approved tentative allocations for seven of the Commonwealth's airports from the Commonwealth Airport Fund, totaling \$235,160. Receiving one of the largest allocations was **Hampton Roads Airport** in the amount of \$116,560 for T-Hangar Site Preparation - Phase 2 (design). Other airports receiving allocations from the VAB were:

- **Louisa County Airport** was allocated \$11,705 for Apron & Parallel Taxiway Rehabilitation (construction) - Increase;
- **Middle Peninsula Regional Airport** was awarded \$14,265 for Oil Discharge Contingency Plan, Land Acquisition RPZ Runway 9 & RPZ Runway 27 and Land Acquisition Services for Runway 9-27 RPZ's;
- **Tappahannock Municipal Airport** in the amount of \$4,715 for Land Acquisition - (Parcels 5, 6A & 6B) - Increase;
- **William M. Tuck Airport** was



awarded \$9,300 for Taxiway Widening & Rehab. & MITL's (construction) - Increase;

- **Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Airport** was allocated \$68,480 for T-Hangar Taxiway & Site Preparation (design) and T-Hangar Taxilane (construction);
- **Wakefield Municipal Airport** was awarded \$10,050 for Fueling System Credit Card Reader (design/construction).

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The events were well received at each location and she generally spent about 45 minutes after the close of each session with Patty signing autographs and answering questions. There were also many questions asked of DOAV staff.

Thanks for all who were able to attend these informative safety session. A special thanks to Patty who was tireless in her presentations and willingness to go the extra mile whenever there was a special request.



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them have achieved that distinction thus far. The last 10 National Flight Instructors of the Year were Master CFIs while Aaron is one of only 11 Virginia aviation educators who has earned this prestigious "Master" title.

The Master Instructor designation is a national accreditation recognized by the FAA that is earned by candidates through a rigorous process of continuing education and peer review. Much like a flight instructor's certificate, it must be renewed biennially. This process parallels the continuing education regimen used by other professionals to enhance their knowledge base while increasing their professionalism. Simply put, the Master Instructor designation is a means by which to identify those outstanding aviation educators, those "Teachers of Flight," who have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to excellence, professional growth, and service to the aviation community.

Earning this designation is tantamount to having the words *summa cum laude* emblazoned on an instructor's certificate. These Masters truly represent the *crème de la crème* of our industry! To publicly recognize these individuals and their noteworthy accomplishments, NAFI



will be hosting its "Meet the Masters" breakfasts, to which Aaron will be invited, during EAA's AirVenture in Oshkosh and Sun 'n Fun in Lakeland. Any support that can be provided will be appreciated.

NAFI is dedicated to providing

support and recognition for America's aviation educators while helping them raise and maintain their level of professionalism. It is also committed to providing a safe and effective learning environment for student pilots. The Association was founded in 1967 and affiliated with EAA in 1995.



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